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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Our Father's Business

BY MRS. LINDSAY C. DAVIS

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools" (Eccl. 5:1).

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49).

Before my marriage in 1934, to a Church of God preacher, I was employed for seventeen years in the offices of the Traffic Bureau of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce. One thing I learned well during that period, and that was: Good business never advertises itself as being on the decline! In other words, optimism is the keynote. And I wonder why we do not inject more such business ethics in our church life. Jesus has been discussed as the master Healer, the master Teacher, the master Comforter, and the master of many walks of life, but I wonder how many have ever thought of Him as the master Business Man. Note in His discourses the many business terms used: "COUNTING THE COST," "PROFIT AND LOSS," "GAIN," "EXCHANGE," etc. "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and COUNTETH THE COST, whether he have sufficient to finish it," (Luke 14: 28). "For what is a man PROFITED, if he shall GAIN the whole world and LOSE his own soul? or what shall a man give in EXCHANGE for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26). With these terms in mind, we will discuss Jesus as the master Business Man, managing director of the largest and most important BUSINESS in the whole world, that of SOUL-SAVING!

Like any good business man, Jesus knew the importance of His wares (converted men) being polished at all times, so He gave His recruiting orders, "Go ye therefore," to them, with the great admonition: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). Sinners are our prospective customers in the Father's business, and if we are to be real soul-winners for Him, we must keep our lamps trimmed and burning, and never let the smoke of things that He hates tarnish our lights. "God is love," but there are some things He hates: "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him, a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Prov. 6:16). In the business world such is called a "whisperer," and nothing can be so damaging as a "whispering campaign." In going about our "Father's business," He wants us to be careful how we advertise it; in other words, to "keep our foot when we go to the house of the Lord, and to be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools."

I often hear folk testify thus: "We are not what we used to be; we don't sing and shout like we used to, we don't pray like we used to; in other words, we are on the decline." Well, why don't we do something about it? We know the foundation of our business (the Church) is good, for Christ Himself said: "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." It would be so much easier, if folk really meant business, to call a meeting of the stockholders (church members) and get on praying ground. James 4:2 says: "Ye have not because ye ask not!"

And then, we sometimes have evangelists doing unethical things. Occasionally one will spring up that if he finds the preacher's rations have been a bit short, he will proceed to lecture a whole congregation about it, when he ought to be "keeping his foot" lest His Father's business be damaged. Jesus knows the need of every human being, and we have always had our "lean" years as well as our "fat" ones, so the best advertisement for Christians to offer sinners in these times of depression is Psalm 37: 25: "I have been young, and am now old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." I believe the desire to GIVE and TITHE is put into the hearts of "born-again" men and women by the Holy Spirit just the same as forgiveness of sins is given, and for an evangelist to razz a congregation for not giving, when he knows not the surrounding conditions, is just as detrimental as for a storekeeper to fuss with a customer

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NOTICES

"To stir you up by putting you in remembrance," 2 Peter 1:13.

We are here in Bristol, Tenn. in a great revival which has been going on for two weeks. Nine have received the Holy Ghost and about the same number have been saved and sanctified. The altar was filled each night and the house could not accommodate the people last night, July 31. This is the best revival that has been in Bristol for years, they tell us. The meeting is continuing this week. Please pray for us. — J. A. Bixler, 71 Jones St., Dalton, Ga.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Corinth near White Stone, Ga. Everybody come and bring a well-filled basket. Bring your books and musical instruments. We are planning on a high day in Zion.—Don O. Tatum, pastor, Carters, Ga.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Ennis, W. Va. Aug. 14. Everyone come and bring a well-filled basket. Brother Ray T. Hill is here in a revival and we are expecting a great time in the Lord. We are also expecting the church folks from the Eckman church to be with us. There will be good preaching and singing, so try to be with us on this date. I will be expecting you.—A. T. Little, Box 266, Switchback, W. Va.

This is to notify the Churches of God in Oklahoma that Brother C. H. Sharp was appointed by the ministers at the state convention to serve the next Assembly year as state Sunday School superintendent, also as Y. P. E. state superintendent. We shall expect each Sunday School and Y. P. E. to send him $1.00 a month as he will be on the field all the time. He is also to serve as the state evangelist. Send amount each month to C. H. Sharp, Box 385, Seminole, Okla.—In His service, Geo. M. Bloomingdale, Box 656, Maud, Okla.

There will be a home coming at the Moultrie, Ga. Church of God, Sunday, Aug. 14. All former pastors are urged to attend. Also all churches on the Cairo and other districts are invited. Bring a well-filled basket and enjoy the day.—Jesse K. Degolyer, pastor, Moultrie, Ga., 500 E. Central Ave.

To the Texas people: I am planning on going to the Assembly and can take two or three more passengers at $10.00 each, round trip from Dodd City. Write or wire me at once. I will be leaving at 2 a. m., Aug. 26, to get there for Bishops' Council.—L. C. Pennington, Dodd City, Tex.

To the churches in North Texas, greetings. The General Assembly will soon be here and we want the ministers especially to be able to attend. Churches, please do your best for your pastors so they can be at the Assembly. Do not neglect this important matter. We thank everyone for his loyalty and co-operation in the service of the Lord this year. Several of our pastors have had a hard time but they have stayed with their work and the Lord has blessed, for which we praise Him. We hope to see many of you at the Assembly. Pray for us.—Your coworker in the Lord, H. N. Scoggins, overseer, North Texas.

I have two forty-foot tents, made of ten-ounce mildew and waterproof duck with six-foot side walls, block and tackle and guy ropes, that I must sell at once and I am going to sacrifice them at $119.00 each. These tents sell for over two hundred at any other tent factory. You had better wire money with order as I won't have these tents long at this price.—L. P. Shaw, Box 248, Valdosta, Ga.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God tent in Abbs Valley, Tazewell county, Va., on Sunday, Aug. 21. Everybody is invited to come and bring a full basket as there will be dinner served at the tent. All ministers come prepared to speak and everyone who can, please bring at least one dollar to give in an offering to help us to build a new church in Abbs Valley. We are now in a revival there and God is blessing, souls are praying and crying through to God. Please pray for this meeting. Come on you good West Virginia folks and help; come on all you good Virginia folks and help us. Everybody please come.—A. J. Cox, district overseer, Seaboard, Va.

A revival began at Poplar Grove the first Sunday in August. We want all to join us in prayer that we will have a wonderful meeting and many souls will be blessed. Everybody who wishes to come help us is welcome.—Miss Wyoma McGee, Rt. 4, Holly Grove, Ark.

We are in a revival at Hugo, Okla. The meeting began July 20, with Brother J. C. Moore doing the preaching. The meeting is being held in the southwest part of town, down by the roadhouse. We would be glad to have anyone passing through to stop and help us. Pray that God will bless.—J. R. Tapp, Fort Towson, Okla.

I would like to get in touch with anyone desiring to go to the Assembly from Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, or Tennessee. I can take three or four passengers. My car is a 32 Nash eight Sedan. I will leave here about August 23. —Edward Combs, 412 W. Platte, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Valdosta Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention will convene in Valdosta, Ga., August 14, morning and afternoon sessions. Brother D. L. Lemons, state superintendent, will be in charge. Everybody welcome.—W. C. Swilley, district superintendent, Valdosta, Ga.

There will be all-day meeting and home coming at the Mount Olive Church of God the third Sunday in August, the 21st. We invite everybody to come and bring a well-filled basket. One and all are invited.—J. C. Pinion, pastor, Cleveland, Tenn., Rt. 3.

Healed of Epileptic Fits

I thank the blessed Lord for His wonderful healing power. Just nine months ago I was healed of epileptic fits. I had been having them for thirty-two years. Last year I went to the Assembly and Brother Rouse anointed and prayed for me, and I was instantly healed. I am saved and sanctified, and I want the precious Holy Ghost. Pray for me that I will ever be true unto the end.—Millie Parmer, 1904 Long St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

On Fire For God

We have a wonderful church and a consecrated pastor. Brother R. E. Lovelle is on fire for God and preaches the old-time gospel. The Lord is blessing his work. The church membership has more than doubled itself this pastoral year. We praise God for our Sunday School and Y. P. E. We have a large number of young people in the church. Our church is really on fire for God. We are praying that if it is the Lord's will we will have Brother and Sister Lovelle with us another year. Pray that God will continue to bless us here.—A. D. Chamberlain, Mooresville, N. C.

Revival a Blessing to Church

S. GASTONIA, N. C.—We thank and praise God for the wonderful revival God gave us at S. Gastonia, N. C. The writer was in charge. The power of God came down from the first service until the last. Oh, what a heavenly feeling was in the revival! There were one hundred saved, thirty sanctified, thirty-five filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty-two added to the the church and thirty-five baptized. It was wonderful how God's power came down. The church there is surely blessed with a good pastor, Brother B. F. Powell, and his wife, who are faithful workers for God. Such unity among the saints I have never witnessed before. A number were healed. Pray that I will stay humble and do the will of God.—L. J. Stone, evangelist, Prentiss, N. C.

The Spirit of the Antichrist

By Robert Bell

Paul tells us in 2 Thess. 2:3, 4 that when the "man of sin is revealed" he will oppose and exalt himself above all that is called God—that he will sit in the temple of God shewing himself that he is God. That will be after the rapture of the Church. But we see this spirit working in homes, in society, in politics, and in the churches. Children exalt themselves—think they know more than "the old man" or "the old woman"; are disobedient, opposing home government. Girls think they should be allowed to midnight ride with he-devils, puff cigarette smoke between red lips, guzzle beer, and be esteemed as respectable. Boys have the same spirit. They seem to think that indulgence in gross immorality is the proper thing to do—that it will lead to the highest and best. This is the antichrist spirit.

Society is permeated with the same spirit. Opposition to rules of decency are much in evidence. Men attend dances, tea rooms, etc., with other men's wives; and women with other women's husbands do the same thing. Marriage is treated as a joke. The old-fashioned, home-loving mothers, and faithful, wife-loving fathers are very scarce. Instead of prayers, children hear curses, and instead of the "songs of Zion," wild jazz songs. Surely Antichrist will soon come on the scene.

Statesmanship has almost disappeared from the political realm. Petty politics, selfish aims and ends, occupy and dominate the minds of most political office holders. They delight in filibustering in legislative halls. Opposing and exalting.

Sad! Sad! but this spirit has crept into the churches. Preachers exalt themselves. Some think God couldn't run His business without them. I am not criticizing. I state a fact. Oh! brethren, if we feel that spirit coming on us, let's fall on our knees and ask God to keep us humble. Members of the Church of God will fail to obey the teachings of the Bible, and say "I don't feel condemned." If we don't enforce the rules of the Church, we will soon be like the Laodicean church—boastful of our attainments, but repulsive to God. I love the Church of God. I am not expecting the Church to go down in defeat, for I believe we have true-blue, red-blooded, Church of God folks enough to keep this work going. Amen.

Holiness

By Mary E. Poe

"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness," 1 Thess. 4:7.

I feel in my soul that it is the will of God for me to write on this subject, for there are so many people of today who say, Away with holiness. But, praise God, beloved, if it wasn't for holiness being lifted up this world would be in a terrible condition as we see sin abounding everywhere. Mothers who used to be mothers are smoking, drinking, gambling, and cursing, using God's name in vain. We see right now there has got to be something done. What is the remedy? Come to cleanliness instead of uncleanliness. Paul said, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you," 2 Cor. 6:17.

Some may say, "I don't feel condemned to do as I'm doing." Please turn to Rom. 14:14. "I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him that esteemeth anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean." Also the 21st verse, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

Beloved, I think we should count the cost, lay off every weight that does so easily beset us, touch not, handle not, nor see not the unclean thing. Jesus said for us to "be ye holy as I am holy." Jesus didn't utter a word of complaint when those mocking people spat upon Him. He didn't curse them, but, praise His holy name, He was still holy. It's the way Jesus wants us to become. If we would just pray always as the Word teaches us, we wouldn't be murmuring. I believe the word "defile" takes the place of uncleanliness. There was old Brother Daniel who prayed three times a day in the good old-fashioned way and he wouldn't defile himself with the king's meat, for he feared his God above everything. People have become case-hardened. I have seen them sit under the message of holiness night after night, but still they wouldn't heed. I believe it is going to take a life that is separated from this old world to please God. Isaiah points us to the way of holiness in Isa. 35:8. Why not accept it and walk in the light as God shines the light on our pathway? Glory, I praise my Lord for shining the clean, holy way on me and for the dear old Church of God. I feel like traveling on this morning. Matt. 15:11, "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man." James tells us also to bridle our tongues and if a man seemeth to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, his religion is vain.

I'll tell you if there ever was a time we needed to lift up a standard for God and really be holy, it is right now. We would see some results. We need to become more holy every day. Jesus said for us to deny ourselves, take up the cross and follow Him. Oh for a people who will stand for God and holiness uncompromisingly. I hear people say, "I have the Holy Ghost," but what do we see them do—still bob their hair, wear short sleeves, etc., and when they get in the valley they will say, "I just couldn't stand." No wonder! Samuel says it is better for us to obey than to sacrifice.

Another thing I want to mention is, there are people who claim holiness who are not careful to tell the truth. But one of these days we are all going to stand before the great judgment bar of God, then how people are going to say to the precious Savior, "Didn't I prophesy in your name and did many wonderful things?" but He is going to say, "Depart, I know you not." Be sure, friends, your sins will find you out. People, come clean with God; don't think you can hide your meanness; flee from fornication, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft and all things you are guilty of doing, for I don't feel that it is going to be long until Jesus is coming after His bride. It is going to be holiness then or hell. So which way are we going, the straight, holy way or the broad way to destruction? I believe cleanliness is godliness which God demands.

Another thing that is hurting holiness is for men who claim holiness to be too familiar with the opposite sex and not devoted to their families as they should be. God have mercy on such people.

Now I don't know why I'm writing this but God knows. I hope and pray that people will wake up to the fact and come to holiness and to God with everything, not just part of their lives, but all of it.

REVIVAL

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—A five weeks' revival has been in progress here at Pine Top, W. Va., in a brush arbor. Quite a few have prayed through to victory; a church has been set in order and the saints are working toward a church building. There is a fine band of saints here.—Evangelist Anna E. Landes, Rt. 1, c/o Mrs. John Means, Charleston, W. Va.

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EDITORIALS

For the benefit of those who wish to know, the Editor stands for the whole Bible rightly divided. I believe in the old-time gospel—the new birth, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, divine healing, the second coming of Jesus to catch away the saints, the Church of God with its doctrines, tenets, and teachings as written in the Word of God, and all the good truths too numerous to mention. In fact, I haven't changed my faith since I have been a member of the Church of God. I was a student of the Bible for over thirty years before I heard about the Church of God, and after I received the Holy Ghost I felt sure that God, through the revelation of the Spirit, gave me an understanding of His Word. The Word of God hasn't changed, and I believe it with all my heart.

Unity of the Saints

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment," 1 Cor. 1:10.

Paul is admonishing the saints at Corinth concerning their faith and understanding of God's Word. They are all to speak the same thing. Having a perfect knowledge of God's Word, will, of course, bring us into a unity of the faith, and there is nothing that will be a greater blessing to the Church than to be perfectly joined together. To have the same understanding and the same judgment concerning the great truths of God will be the greatest blessing that can come to any local church. Divisions and misunderstandings will weaken any body of saints.

We should be careful not to practice or partake of things that would be an offence to the saints. As a general rule, the cream of the Church is those conservative Christians who separate themselves from the world and things that are of a worldly nature. The tendency to drift and to be like the world is certainly getting a hold in many places. The most detrimental thing is, for the sake of pleasure, to advise and allow things to go on in the Church of God that are like the world. I believe our young people should be cheerful, happy, and sociable, but when it comes to partaking of things that are worldly and grieve the Spirit of God, it certainly is against their best interest.

The organization I belonged to before I joined the Church of God lost most of its spiritual power by substituting ritualism and entertainment instead of the Spirit and power of God. It put on things of a worldly nature and its young people, after a summer's revival, would have a party every week somewhere. I hope our people will pray and not allow these things to get in and sap their spiritual life, for Jesus is soon to come back and I am afraid many will not be ready.

You may think there is no harm in these things, but I remember how those people lost their spiritual power and became so indifferent until many went deeper into worldly pleasure and sin, and when a revival season came the first thing they had to do was to get the members reclaimed. These things are light and frivolous and do not aid the spiritual life. Jesus is soon coming and it will pay us to leave off every thing that does not build us up spiritually.

The Falling Away

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved," Matt. 24:12, 13.

Just before Jesus returns the love of many will wax cold, according to His own words. When love begins to wane we may know that we are drifting from God, for God is love, and those who abide in God must retain their love one for another, and they must love the souls of men.

Verse 13 seems to indicate that at the time of the end some will endure great afflictions and no doubt be persecuted by their own friends. But "he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." We are on trial down here and the good salvation that we receive will hold good if we will keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Jesus seems to put stress here on love. This is a good way for us to measure our spiritual standing. If our love for God and His cause and for one another is not fervent, we may know that we are drifting. Love is the standard of heartfelt religion and by this shall all men know that we are children of God. There is something about godly love that is convincing and if we love one another as we should, we certainly will do nothing that will injure or harm our brother.

The Tests of the Last Days

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us," Rom. 8:35-37.

There are so many things now to hinder and discourage people, but according to these verses, nothing should cause us to turn from the great principles and truths that we love so much. I am very sure that there are persecutions and trials ahead for the Christians; even now in other countries Christians are being called in question and many are suffering death for the love of God, and I hardly think America will escape. But let us say with Paul that nothing shall separate us from the love of Christ. Though we are in perils and become hungry and destitute in every way, let us be true to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. The bliss of eternity will more than repay all those who remain true, for all the suffering that they may have to endure in this life.

Soldiers With True, Genuine Love

"Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned," 2 Cor. 6:3-6.

The ministers should certainly be careful in their general deportment and not allow anything that would bring a reproach on holiness. They are to be patient and suffer much afflictions. So few of us want to suffer for the cause today. We

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

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Things to Be Avoided

The most wonderful life lived in the world is the Christian life. To live the Christian life successfully is man's greatest earthly achievement. In living such a life there are many things that must be overcome. There are many things that almost seem a part of the Christian himself, yet would wreck him if allowed to run their course. There are still other things that seem quite harmless, yet are fatal, if indulged. In this article it is our purpose to point out a few things that the successful Christian must avoid.

FANATICISM

The Apostle Paul says, "It is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing" (Gal. 4:18), but wild-eyed fanaticism is always harmful. There are fanatics on healing, dress, holiness, spiritual demonstration, tithing, eating, drinking, shouting, the gifts of the Spirit, the Church, the coming of Jesus, and many other precious truths. Now God is pleased to have His dear children know and accept the truth on all lines, but to do so, and to keep each truth in its proper setting, is the accomplishment of a very few. And yet there is a command, "Be not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17).

CONTENTIONS, STRIFE

These are to be avoided (Titus 3:9), they are counted by the inspired writer as "unprofitable and vain." They belong with the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:20) and have no place in the Church or among spiritual Christians and ministers of the gospel of Jesus. Suppose there are minor differences between Christians, why strive and argue to carry our point? Most people have certain personal views, opinions or preferences, about many matters that make no difference one way or the other.

CRITICISM AND FAULTFINDING

It is always easier to see the faults and failures of others than it is to see our own. Perhaps there is a well-grounded reason for this. However, it is more profitable to search out our own and get rid of them. We may not be able always to close our eyes to all that passes before them, or to stop our ears from hearing all that is spoken in our presence, but we are supposed to have grace enough not to talk about things we see, or tell things we hear or know, unless it is for God's glory that we do so. The critic and faultfinder need prayer.

A BUSYBODY AND TATTLER

Judging from the way some use their tongues on others in these days, you might decide that they were dangerously near to this practice which was so terribly condemned in the early days. Read 2 Thess. 3, 11 and 1 Tim. 5:13, and if you care to know how another great apostle classes the person who is a busybody and tattler, read 1 Peter 4:15. Another writer says, "And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature, and it is set on fire of hell" (Jas. 3:6), and in verse 2 read of God's "perfect man," who is "able also to bridle the whole body," tongue and all. This, of course, is accomplished only through the grace of God.

PRIDE

Pride is to be avoided, whether it be natural or spiritual, neither have any place in God's spiritual people. It is with the humble that God walks. And it is said that he "resisteth the proud" (Jas. 4:6). Among the many things condemned by Saint Paul in the laity and the ministry is this abominable pride (1 Tim. 3:6) and his words still stand out in condemnation of this sin which is so prevalent in the Church today. Now we may legislate against short sleeves, bobbed hair, etc., but that pride which expresses itself in a long line of expensive and showy dresses, coats, suits, etc., (with no self-denial and sacrifice to help send the gospel to those lost in darkness) may be just as fatal.

True humility is only found in the heart that is crucified to the world and all that is in it. True spirituality lives only in the atmosphere of Christlike humility. "For every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted," Luke 18:14.

SELFISHNESS

Jesus gave Himself for us. There was no reserve, He gave His all. Saint Paul's testimony is one of the greatest ever given by a believer in Christ: "I am crucified, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2: 20). Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Matt. 16: 24). That means all, every one who will come. You might say, "There is no such thing as a selfish Christian, impossible." But what fruits of selfishness do show themselves in professed Christians of today! How foreign is that selfish spirit from the spirit of the lowly Jesus and His glorious gospel! Selfishness belongs in a long chain of links. Some of these are covetousness, pride, self-esteem, bigotry, partiality, spiritual blindness, etc. Let all Christians beware of this chain.

Young People's Corner

Healing Results

Every blessing that God gives to man has a spiritual significance, and of bodily healing this is especially true, even if its worth has been underestimated by many Christians and spiritual leaders.

1. In the first place definite bodily healing makes *God more real* to the one healed and to those who witness the healing, and at no point in the experience of Christians can help be of greater value. Everything in the entire realm of the Christian's life "centers" in God and His personality and our relation to Him. Then it is true that worship in its every detail should contribute to this one end, that is, to make God more real to men. The healing of the body thus contributes in a special way to this great need.

2. Healing by faith in God helps to give prominence to the things of the Spirit of God in general. The faith of those who trust God for bodily healing seems to have a wider scope and more real spiritual tone. Whether men believe healing is in the atonement for all or not, it cannot be argued but that God is pleased with such praying when He answers it and heals the sick. And we do not believe that any can deny that those who trust God for the healing of their bodies are stronger spiritually, and have a more victorious experience in every way than those who do not. We have always put the salvation of the soul first, and do not compare healing with the soul's salvation in importance, but we have noticed, as a rule, that a spiritual uplift accompanies the healing of the body.

3. Sometimes, if not usually, the spiritual blessings that accompany experiences of healing are greater than the bodily healing. This fact should certainly not be overlooked in counting up the blessings that go to build up the Christian's faith and that establish him in the way of life. Sometimes a definite healing has resulted in awaking a Christian to possibilities and attainments not before realized, possibly a vision of the harvest field, and a service to be rendered, or maybe a definite call for service.

4. As the result of the healing of some loved one or friend, or even an acquaintance, many individuals have been brought into the light of the gospel, and

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News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

The above picture is that of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Case, who sailed some months ago for India. They are settled in India now and are happily engaged in their work. The prospects are good and they are becoming adapted to their new home. They would appreciate a letter from you. Their salary is very small, and should you feel like sending them a personal donation it would be greatly appreciated. You may send your contributions through E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary and Treasurer, Cleveland, Tenn. Just forward your money to him and tell him who it is for. You may also send your letters to him to be forwarded to them if you desire. The postage on ail mail ranges from 22c to $2.00.—Zeno C. Tharp, Secretary Mission Board.

ANOTHER LETTER

From Brother and Sister Hoyle Case

Ootacamund, India, June 14.—When Sister Cook was ready to return to the hills, we decided to come up here, too, for a few days and meet Brother and Sister Conney.

Brother and Sister Cook have three sons. One of them is active in missionary work, though he is only eighteen years of age. The next one has finished school but his health is not good when he is in Travancore. The youngest one is still in school up here, so at least during school term someone has to keep the two boys up in the hills. During the hot season the whole family is here.

Soon Brother Cook will be going to the Tamil field for evangelistic work. Sister Cook will remain here a while longer, and we shall soon return to our school work.

This is quite a town, with European conveniences in almost every line, and it surely is in the mountains, a beautiful place, ideal for a cool rest from the torrid heat of the south. This is called a "hill station." It is one of the places where missionaries retire for rest, so during the hot season there are all kinds of missionaries here. I met one brother and sister here who are with an organization that does not believe in Pentecost. I'm sure the brother is sanctified and he is seeking the Holy Ghost. They are fine people. Her sister belongs to the Church of God. I feel that the Lord is leading this brother and sister to the Church of God. They are today returning to their station and expect to come to America on furlough next year. They surely are hungry for the Holy Ghost. Do pray that they will be filled and led entirely God's way. Another missionary and his wife are very interested in the Holy Ghost. In fact, his wife has spoken in tongues once but isn't satisfied. Soon they'll return to their station. Pray that they will accept the full blessing, too. Then there is another sister who is out here alone, came two years ago, and is the only missionary of her church. She is a wonderful girl; has a burning experience with God. The Holy Ghost speaks through her so sweetly and she is such a power for God. Her home is in Georgia. Oh, I surely wish she would come into the Church of God. She told of her leaving home, and making the long trip to this new land alone. Since being here she has faced death and the gun, but God healed and delivered her. She is so brave and precious. I love her. Remember her in prayer, too.

The Evangel is quite welcomed up here. We receive foreign mail once a week. In a few days we'll be back in Chengannur, Travancore.

Several asked us about sending us small cash—a dollar bill, or five or ten dollars. Brother and Sister Cook say they will buy any American bills we have because they are hoping to come home on furlough and can use them, whenever that may be. Their friends send them cash in letters, but they usually put a thin cardboard in front and back of the bill and then place well inside the letter.

Every day I'm finding many things I could have used here, but left at home. For instance, Sister Cook lent me her two woolen sweaters and knitted shawl to use while up here. I'm certainly making good use of them. Hoyle and I both are wearing our overcoats. Yes, so was I surprised that it was 58 degrees anywhere in India, but it has been that here since we've come!

It seems every one is knitting something among the English people here. It was true on the boat and it is true here. It seems funny one can buy wool yarn even in India.

We had roasting ears for dinner today—corn on the cob. Almost any vegetable you want is grown in this vicinity. It's quite a gardening spot, and market day is very interesting. Here it is Tuesday, so I had a visit to the market yesterday. The open market is quite a gathering-place. The natives sit flat on the concrete floor with their wares surrounding them, and a slight shelter from sun and rain over them. The corn was ten cents a dozen, lovely large ears, and so tender. New potatoes were three pounds for four cents. We have seen such extensive potato patches. When we are in Travancore we get vegetables either from a town forty miles away (someone goes for them on the bus, bus fare being cheap), or whoever is up here sends us a basket each week from here by bus or train. We can get oatmeal, cornflakes, shredded wheat, and all-bran from a reliable chain store here (Spencers) and in that town forty miles from Chengannur. Of course, Chengannur and near villages are native, not European, and small, so we can't get much there.

I must tell something of our trip up here. We came eighty miles in the car, then took a train the rest of the way (about 250 miles altogether). There is first, second, and third class on the trains. We travelled third class, which is one-fourth the fare of even second class. The cars are more like box cars than coaches, each car being divided into sections, with each seat extending the entire width of the coach and every two seats facing each other. When the train is full, half of the passengers ride backward. The aisle runs from side to side of the coach and there is a door on each side or at the end of each aisle. Of course, in a full car one could hardly pass down the aisle without treading on feet except for the fact that it is the native fashion to sit on their feet upon the seat. The train was not crowded so we had a compartment to ourselves, but as Hoyle said, it was the "caboose." The seats are purely hard wood in third class, with only a covering in second class, and upholstered in first class. So we took a pillow to sit on. Everywhere in India one carries his bedding if traveling at night, so we took blankets, quilts, sheets, and pillows, and at night padded our seat as well as possible and lay down to sleep. Over each seat is another plank which may be let down for an upper berth, so while Sister Cook and I enjoyed the lower berth, her eldest son and Hoyle climbed upstairs (without any stairway) to bed. Riding in third

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BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

"Study to show thyself approved unto God," 2 Tim. 2:15.

Report from Bible School in Maine

NOTE: Brother C. W. Hilemon sent in a few words concerning the school a few days ago, which we are sorry did not get in the paper last week. He made some complimentary remarks concerning the boys and girls in the New England states, stating that they were intelligent, very consecrated and willing to do hard work. He said there was a wonderful opportunity to build a large school at Appleton. He stated that God was with them and one had been saved and sanctified up to the time of his writing.—Ed.

The summer term of school in Maine has been in session now for four weeks and beyond expectations has been highly successful. With an enrollment of fifty students God has been blessing in a marvelous way. Nine of these students are from Pennsylvania and they are deriving great benefits from the school in various ways. During the past week a true revival spirit broke out in the student body and convicting power brought young men to their knees seeking God penitently for pardon and forgiveness of sins. Ten have been miraculously saved, several sanctified and three filled with the blessed experience of the Holy Ghost.

God is still on His throne, answers prayer and works in mysterious ways. We are expecting this school to be a great blessing for God in this section of the country and we hope soon that the school term will be long enough to establish a standard Bible School.

Brother C. W. Hilemon is superintendent of the school this term and is doing fine work and is enthusiastic about the prospects for a larger and better school. We are also glad to have Miss Beatrice Dodson of Texas in the school helping in every way she can.

Another phase of importance which the school is offering this term in the music line is horn instructions by Brother E. P. Kimball and wife. Their service is faithful and sacrificial and God is blessing them in their untiring efforts.

When the Spirit of God is honored and the leadership of the Holy Spirit recognized much more can be accomplished than ever would be otherwise. Since we are living in days when men and women inconsistently brand the manifestations of the Holy Ghost, I mean real Holy Ghost manifestation (most anything can be counterfeited, even real money), as fanaticism, then it is high time that students of the Word of God need to be able to step forth on the scholars' territory and successfully vindicate the position which we take When people become afraid of praying and consecrating too much, afraid of getting too close to God, the Christian religion becomes ludicious and unreal, but, praise God, the instinctive impulse of the soul crying out to God Almighty from a cultivated Christian life will bring inevitable results. It is a pleasure to my soul to see students in our Bible School becoming established in their Christian experience, absorbing Bible knowledge and imbibing from the teachings of God's Word a mission spirit of unquenchable existence. Follow the lives of some of our Bible students and if they are led by God's Spirit, praise God, their work will manifest the anointing of God.

Two more weeks and the school closes this term and we certainly praise God for His marvelous leading power.—Geo. H. Poteat, Appleton, Maine.

> Have you mailed your application to Bible Training School? Why not do it today? — Bible Training School, Sevierville, Tenn.

Northwest Camp Meeting Great Success

The annual Northwest camp meeting is now in history but the memory of the great spiritual feast we all enjoyed will long remain. A deep spiritual feeling prevailed throughout the entire convention. Some said it was the best one in years, others said it was the best they had ever attended. Some were saved, a number received the precious Holy Ghost, and nineteen affiliated themselves with the Church the last night.

Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, was with us for a few days and his soul-stirring messages were greatly enjoyed. We deeply regretted that he could not remain throughout the entire meeting.

Brother J. L. Goins, state overseer of Iowa, brought the message each evening, and inspirational, heart-searching messages they were. The congregation expressed its earnest desire for his return next year. Included in Brother Goins' party was Brother Bruce Bachman, a young man of unusual ability who stirred his audience with his singing as well as with his instrumental numbers. Nor have we forgotten the many others who helped to make the music a success. Brother Glyndon Logsdon, chairman of the music committee, deserves much credit for the success of the musical program.

All the overseers of the Northwest district were present. Their co-operation was the means of making this convention such a great feast.

The mission service deserves special mention. After a touching message by Brother Johnson, an offering was taken which amounted to more than three hundred dollars, thus proving that despite the hard times a true missionary spirit prevails among our people in the Northwest. A large number dedicated their lives to the Lord's service at this meeting. Our hearts were melted and we were made to realize more than ever before the great need of laborers in God's harvest field.

The Bible School and Y. P. E. had a joint program which was much enjoyed. The Bible School has been a great means of the work progressing and spreading out here in the Northwest. Many good revivals have been held in this district and scores have been brought to Christ. Several new churches have also been set in order.

Immediately following this program was a healing service conducted by Brother Goins. Between one hundred and fifty and two hundred were prayed for. The power fell in a wonderful way and it was with a feeling of regret we saw this service brought to a close. One young man who had been wearing a steel brace on his back for several months voluntarily removed it during an altar service and declared he was healed, giving God all the glory.

This convention came to a successful close and with a deeper determination in the hearts of the people to launch out and do more for God in the short time that is left. We need and covet the prayers of God's people everywhere for the work in the Northwest.—Mrs. Arnold H. Folden, Box 520, Minot, N. Dak.

REVIVAL

We are praising the Lord for the way He is blessing His Church here at Hayesville, N. C. God sent Brother J. C. Pinion of Cleveland, Tenn., over here a few weeks ago and gave us a two weeks' revival. God blessed in every service. Four were saved, eight sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the Church. Thank God for such men as Brother Pinion who aren't afraid to preach God's Word. We also thank the Lord for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Ledford. Brother Ledford is a man of God. He hews to the line in his preaching. We have a good Sunday School with an average attendance of one hundred to one hundred twenty-nine. God is blessing in every service. Those who believe that old-time religion is a thing of the past, just come over to Brother Ledford's church and be convinced that it is real today. Praise God! Pray for us.—L. B. Crawford, Hayesville, N. C.

NOTES OF PRAISE

"For praise is comely for the upright," Psa. 33:1.

I praise God for His precious healing power, and because I learned to trust Him. For some time my body had been in a very weak, run-down condition. I was so nervous at times I could not stay up. My neck began to pain me so much until I couldn't sleep. From what I had heard people say, I believe I had a poison goitre. The night before the district convention at Alma, Ga., I hardly slept at all. Next morning I felt no better. We had planned to go to the convention, and so I went feeling more like remaining in bed. Brother Floyd, our pastor at Blackshear and the first speaker on the program, preached on divine healing. Thank God, the healing power seemed to strike me in the side of my neck where it had been paining, and ran right around it and out at my ear. Oh, glory to God, the pain was gone. The devil tried to make me doubt my healing, but I know I am healed. Pray for my family and me, and pray that my unsaved loved ones will come to the fold before it is too late.—Mrs. Nancy Taylor, Blackshear, Ga.

I praise the dear Lord for healing my little girl who was very sick. People said she had pneumonia. We trusted God for her and He healed her. Another time her mouth broke out all on the inside, her head had a rising in it, and her tonsils were swollen. My father-in-law washed her mouth out with borax, but it continued to get worse and even began to break out on the outside. I took her to a lady but she could do her no good, and she said she believed my little girl had been poisoned. I prayed and cried and held on to God until He healed her. I am grateful to Him for all His blessings. Pray for us, and pray for my sister-in-law who is in poor health.—Marvin and Nannie Lee Hicks, 3½ H. St., Anderson, S. C.

We are trusting God for the healing of little Betty Lou Bozones' foot. Her father accidently cut her foot to the bone. We prayed for her, and praise God, He undertook. Her foot has been cut four days, and she can use it. Little Betty Lou's father is a Church of God preacher. Pray for the complete healing of her foot.—Mrs. J. C. Fulord, Holtamville, Ala.

As I don't have the privilege of being in any holiness services to get my soul fed I decided to write to those who make the Lord their trust and know how to get a prayer through to heaven in behalf of us who don't have those great privileges. I am here in St. Marys, Ga., where there isn't any holiness, which makes it very hard for us who love the good old straight way. But glory to God, I still love God. At times I feel as one all to himself. In the trying time the Scripture comes to my mind and encourages me to go on. I don't have any desire to draw back for the Word teaches that anyone who draws back is not pleasing to the Lord. How I would love to walk into a large congregation of God's children this morning. It would seem like heaven to me. If there is any Church of God folks near St. Mary's, call to see me or write. It will help so much.—Mrs. Nora Hadden, St. Marys, Ga.

Praise the Lord for His wonderful power. After suffering for two years with cancer and becoming very weak and obliged to keep to my bed most of the time and enduring severe pain and suffering, feeling that I could live but a little longer, I had been praying and had my friends here and at Roanoke, Va., to pray for me. I seemed to get no better but still had faith in God. On July 4, Brother J. B. Cole and his good wife came to see me. I asked them to lay hands on me and pray for me. I was willing to die or to live as the Lord knew best. After they had prayed for me, I was healed and now go to church and about the tasks of my home with no pain, the cancer is gone, and I am gaining weight and strength and praising the Lord for His healing as well as saving power. Praise His name forever.—Mrs. J. W. Bohon, 2421 Washington Pike, Knoxville, Tenn.

God has wonderfully blessed in many ways here in Frostproof. A few months ago Sister Christine Dugger became very sick with her side. The saints were called in, and after holding on to God in prayer for some time, the Lord removed the pain and gave relief. Recently she became ill again with the same trouble, and God again came on the scene. Praise God for His healing power. Pray that God will continue to bless here and that many souls will be saved.—Mrs. Morris Wiggins, Box 44, Frostproof, Fla.

I'm still praising God for full and free salvation. I have been a member of the dear old Church of God for seven years. I love her teachings and her members everywhere. Before I had the full blessing, I said I would never belong to any church till God showed me the right one. Thank God, He led me to the Church of God. I can never praise our Lord enough for healing my wife of dropsy. She had been swollen for over eight months, and the doctors said there was no hope for her. I laid all the doctors aside and took it to God. She was out of her mind, and was swollen twice her normal size and it did not look as if she would live but a few hours. The elders came and prayed, and thank God, next morning she could sit up. In seven days she was able to cook. God also healed my baby about three weeks ago when it had been ill with stomach trouble for four weeks. Thank God, I love Him and His Church, and love to pay my tithes and do all I can for Him. Pray for us.—Ernest Williams, Rt. 1, Portal, Ga.

I am glad for the precious love of Jesus. I praise Him for His divine healing power that is just the same yesterday, today, and forever. About three weeks ago I had an attack of indigestion. Such agony and pain that I suffered for three or four hours. I was suffering so until cold perspiration was on my forehead and arms. Praise be to our matchless Redeemer, He came on the scene and healed me. I desire an interest in your prayers for my two children who are sick, and pray earnestly for my unsaved companion.—Sallie Watson, 1075 Dudley Ave., Bartow, Fla.

Praise the Lord, I am glad to report victory in my soul. In the month of May I broke out with pellagra. My feet were so sore I couldn't bear anything to touch them and had to hold to things to walk. On Tuesday at 1:00 a. m. God saw that I needed to be rescued, and He came on the scene and healed me. I put my feet back on the bed and went to sleep. Next morning I got up and went about my work as usual. After the folks around here saw that I was healed, they said it was only sunburn. The Lord can work and no man can hinder. I had just as soon trust God with a case of pellagra as with sunburn, now hadn't you? Pray for me that I will ever stand true and do the things in this life that God requires of me.—Edith Barfield, McBee, S. C.

Dear brothers and sisters of good ole Texas, we are still planning to meet you at the Marriage Supper in the air, at a time not far distant. Praise the good Lord and bless His good name forever. We are so glad that we ever found the good holiness way and the great Church of God with her teachings so clean and pure. Oh, how we do love the Church of God. Dear ones, you will never realize how much you love her until you get away where there is no church. It does our hearts so much good to visit the different churches where God's children are gathered together. The Assembly will soon be in session, and I pray that the Holy Ghost will have full control in everything, especially in placing the ministers over the different works. Pray for me and for my good husband that we will always be in the will of the Lord in everything.—Mrs. H. W. Holden, 1310 Washington St., LaGrange, Ga.

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

Young people as well as the old are at work at New Bethlehem, Pa. The Y. P. E. had a special program on Father's Day. I was granted the privilege of presenting a Bible to Brother Darr, which was given to him by his wife and children. The youngest father present (Everett Grear, who at that time was unsaved, but now has the blessing and is a member of the Church of God) and the oldest father present (Brother Bish) received a prize. This was a very touching service; hardly a dry eye was present. The Sunday School attendance had been running from forty-five to sixty-five. July 3 we put on a special drive for new students, giving a prize to the class receiving both the offering and attendance banners. Everyone worked hard and the attendance for that Sunday was one hundred fifty with an offering of $8.91. The young men and young ladies class won the prize with an attendance of sixty-two and $6.32 in the offering. The Y. P. E. had a special program on Tuesday evening after the close of the revival. The program was very impressive. At the close of the service they gave me a surprise shower of cash, shirts, etc. May God bless the people at New Bethlehem.

I would like to say a word about the revival, which was conducted by the writer. The church prepared for a revival and God sent it. Eleven received the Holy Ghost, a number was saved and sanctified, twelve baptized in water, and five were taken into the church. Among this number was a Catholic girl who made her way to the altar and received the blessings of the Lord. She was ignorant of the plan of salvation and wondered how she would know when she was saved. The first thing I heard her say after her experience was, "I know it now!" Her husband, Everett Greer, received the same experience. He was not a Catholic and had known the goodness of God before.—Brady Dennis, Markleysburg, Pa.

Truly God is blessing at Lake Placid. We started a ladies' prayer meeting every Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. The first afternoon we met for prayer, one sister got reclaimed and two other sinner friends were crying and calling for prayer. How God did bless our souls! We are only a few in number. Pray for our little meeting. There are a number of backsliders around here. Pray that they will come back to the fold before it is too late.—Mrs. Annie Collier, Lake Placid, Fla.

The Lord surely has blessed the Jena church this year. We praise Him for our good pastor and family. They seem so humble and are a real blessing to the church. We are thanking our blessed Savior for our home coming July 17. Our beloved overseer and family were with us that day. The message he brought was food to our souls. At noon lunch was spread and all partook of the good eats. At 1:30 service began again with a wonderful talk by the state overseer on the Church, after which an opportunity to unite with the church was given. The music and singing was enjoyed by all. Pray for Jena church that it will shine for Jesus and that many souls will come to God.—Gertie Carroll, Jena, La.

We are glad to report another new church in Mississippi. June 12 we had the happy privilege of driving to Starkville, Miss., for the purpose of organizing a church where Brother J. D. Taylor had just closed a very successful revival. The church was set in order with eighteen members, and about ten to be transferred. Brother Taylor will be in charge of the work until the Assembly. Anyone wanting a revival would do well to get Brother Taylor. Pray for this little church here that God will bless and cause it to be a light to lost souls.—D. L. Barrett, district pastor, Red Bay, Ala.

GUTHRIE, Okla. — On July 19 Evangelist Floyd Ray came to our church and preached three nights for us. His sermons were wonderful and full of the sweet Holy Spirit. Large crowds attended each night and especially the last night the seats and yard were filled and cars lined up on the street on each side, all filled. Brother Ray lives at Enid, Okla., and is open for calls for revivals. While he was here one was reclaimed and one saved.—Mrs. Carrie Morgan, clerk, 615 W. Harrison Ave.

The church at Walhalla is coming along fine. We have a good pastor, Brother Lee, who is on fire for God and is doing a good work. Brother Lee has won many friends, and many souls have been born into the kingdom this year. We have a good Y. P. E. This nice band of young people are ready at all times to do their best for the Lord Jesus. I enjoy the Y. P. E. and think it is a wonderful work in the Church. There are so many other places the young people could be going. Pray for the Y. P. E., that God will encourage them to go just a few days longer. We also have a nice band of Ladies Willing Workers, who are truly what the name implies. Our band hasn't been organized very long, and it already has $45 in the treasury. We are making cakes, candies, and quilts. If anyone has any other ideas on how to raise money, please let us have them. We need a new church and more Sunday School rooms. Our Sunday School is going over the top and our space is getting too small. Please pray much for us.—Mittie Laney, Walhalla, S. C.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—In regard to the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools in Arkansas: God is blessing our work here. We are proud to see the work growing and we praise God for it.

We had a Y. P. E. program at the state convention in Burdette, Ark. The Lord surely blessed and everyone seemed to be encouraged. Pray for us.—A. J. Allen, state superintendent, 1624 College St.

Thanks

In regard to the complaints being sent in to our Editor. I can hardly believe it is the mistake or fault on his part or any of the mailing department. I have a good reason for this statement. Listen, we have been traveling quite a lot the last thirteen or fourteen months, and of course, our Evangel had to be changed to our new address every time. You see, we changed from Iowa Park, Texas, to Sherman, Texas; then back to Iowa Park; then from Iowa Park to LaGrange, Georgia; and from LaGrange back to Sherman; from Sherman back to LaGrange. We never missed one copy of our Evangel. Now that is what I call service!

I just want to thank the mailing department for its good service in keeping our Evangel ever ready for us to feast on the good things that it is always filled with. We don't want to ever miss a copy; it is food to our soul. Every Church of God member ought to be a subscriber to their church paper. I am sorry to say that all are not.—Mrs. H. W. Holden, 1310 Washington St., LaGrange, Ga.

Jesus, the Foundation of Love

Love is that essence of the soul which sees only beauty; it feels only kindness and knows no evil, and where selfish interest is lost in thoughtfulness for others.

Sacred love and righteousness will lead to success, no love and no righteousness will lead to disaster and sorrows.

Trust your faith in our Lord Jesus, our Savior and laborer for righteousness. He will not disappoint any who commit their souls to His keeping power.

Jesus is the only source of love that will never fail, so keep listening to the echo of His flowing love.—August Voeltzel, 1470 Parrish Ave., Hamilton, Ohio.

REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years," Hab. 3:2.

WEBBERS FALLS, Okla.—We just closed a wonderful revival at Mt. Grove. The church was set in order here May 15 with fifteen members. On May 29 Sister Minnie Blair started a revival which ran four weeks, then Brother Turner Hall and family came and worked two weeks. There were thirty-eight saved, twelve sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. Praise God for His love and power and for people who are not afraid to fight sin and the devil. This is a new field for the Church of God. Pray that the church here might be as a city set on a hill. One man was healed of cancer; a woman was healed of pellagra; others were healed of minor diseases. Pray for us and the people here. We are looking for Jesus to come and we want to be ready to go.—Sisters Leatha Hall and Bessie Bellah, R. R. 3.

I thank the dear Lord for the way He is blessing at Hillsboro. We have just closed a three weeks' revival, Brother C. F. Bradshaw doing the preaching. There were thirteen saved, nineteen sanctified, and eight baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Lord blessed in every service. If anyone wishes a preacher to hold a revival, he will do well to get Brother and Sister Bradshaw. Pray for me that I will ever stand true. Pray for our good pastor, Brother E. C. Mize.—Mrs. Bessie Crabtree, W. Hillsboro, N. C.

Brother J. R. Berry, pastor of the Church of God at Alvin, Ill., has just closed a five weeks' revival at Georgetown, Ill., in a nice, rented Nazarene church which seats about five hundred. This is virgin soil for the Church and is a Nazarene settlement. God blessed in spite of opposition. Souls were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. We now report, at the close of the revival, a church set in order with ten members and others plan to join soon. Of these members two are former Nazarene missionaries who spent five years in Africa. Praise the good Lord. A Y. P. E. was organized with thirty-five young people. There are enough juniors to organize a junior Y. P. E. The Sunday School promises to be good. The second Sunday there were fifty-four students in attendance. Pray for us and for your new brothers and sisters at Georgetown.—J. R. Berry, Alvin, Ill.

BASTIAN, Va.—We praise the Lord for the wonderful revival that just closed here. Ten were saved, six sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. The fight was hard, but we won the victory by holding on to God in prayer and faith. This is the third successful revival we have had here this year with a total of thirty-two sanctified, seventy-six saved, thirty-one baptized with the Holy Ghost, and fifty-nine received into the church. We have gained about $1,500 worth of property which has already been deeded to the Church. We thank God for the blessings He is pouring out upon the Bastian church. Brother B. M. Woolwine, pastor of Marion church, conducted our last revival. Any church can be blessed using this dear brother for a revival. Pray that God will continue to bless us here.—G. L. Berry, pastor, Bastian, Va.

A successful revival came to a close at Elkin, N. C., (Jonesville). About fifty were saved, twenty-five sanctified, fourteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and thirteen added to the church. This was the greatest revival that has ever been in this part of the state, according to reports. We started our new church today and expect to have it completed in a short while. The church will be 28x40. Several preachers were with us during the revival. Brother Fred Jenkins of North Wilkesboro began the meeting; then Brother McDaniels and Brother Ray Collins preached later in the meeting. God opened up the windows of heaven on us. Only eternity can tell all the good that has been done. The Church of God is shining here and many are looking this way. The church has suffered persecution here, but people are respecting her now.—R. C. Triplett, Jonesville, N. C.

MONIAC, Ga.—The revival which was supposed to have closed at Baxter, Fla., and did close, burst out anew and five more received the blessing. Hallelujah! So it continued to run until July 17. God has wonderfully blessed this place, manifesting His power in many ways—healing the sick, casting out devils, giving soul-stirring messages. The Holy Ghost took charge of the services from time to time, and altar calls were given with no preaching for a week or over at a time. The messages in other tongues and shouts and praises that were heard over the settlement really aroused the devil. Threats were made to stop us; some even threatened to take Brother Stokes out of the house and beat him. Praise God, He gave us victory over the enemy. Brother Jake Roberts of Jacksonville is to do the baptizing the last Sunday in this month, and to set a church in order. We're looking for many more to come this way. We do not know the exact number of the ones blessed, but there were between fifteen and twenty saved, between ten and fifteen sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and two were reclaimed. God is giving us some real good Church of God material. We earnestly covet your prayers that Baxter will be a shining light till Jesus comes. We ask the family of God to pray for us that we'll always be in the Lord's will. We are both young preachers just out in the work and we need your prayers very much. Brother Stokes is a man of God and a faithful defender of the true gospel.—Mrs. Mabel Lane.

A three weeks' revival has just closed with Brother W. E. Mitchell, evangelist. Sixteen were saved, nine sanctified, seven filled with the sweet Holy Ghost, ten added to the church, and eleven baptized in water. The revival closed with an all-day service. Sister Pernia Bradley brought a wonderful message on missions which was enjoyed by a large crowd. At the eleven o'clock hour Brother Mitchell spoke on the Church of God. We had a wonderful time in the Lord the day through. We praise God for our dear pastor, Brother C. D. Fitzgerald, and his good family. They certainly have been a blessing to this church. Pray that God will continue to bless here at Rochester.—Walter Rinehart, clerk, Rule, Tex.

Greatest Revival in Akron, O.

Some weeks ago we felt our need of an old-time, Holy Ghost revival and we started in courting the favors of the Lord and felt definitely led to have a few nights of a SAINTS' meeting, so we found that to be very successful. For three weeks we met and consecrated and prayed and God surely did meet with us in a great way. Then our evangelist, Brother J. R. Davis of Calhoun, Ga., arrived and we were all ready for the battle, conviction began to follow the preaching of the Word of God and at once people began to get through to God in the old-time way. While some have stood stern against the bidding of the Holy Ghost, some have left the church house and gone home, some went outside and walked up and down the street, while others got the blessings of the Lord in their souls.

We will not be able to give a detailed report of this meeting but it was wonderful. The saints formed a prayer chain of twenty-four hours each day and the burden came and there would be as many as eight that would awake in the night and get out and pray for the revival. Our evangelist, Brother Davis, is a fearless preacher and gives out the Word in love and power. He is loved by the members and friends of this church, and we have found it a real pleasure to have him in our midst.

Ribbons of fire were seen playing across the altar as conviction swept over the people. Fellowship, love, and unity prevailed throughout the revival. Even while reading the scripture texts sometimes the power of God would fall and folks would fall from their seats.

We do not know how many were saved but thirty-four received the Holy Ghost, twenty-one were added to the church, twenty-five baptized in water, and the altar was filled the closing night with hungry hearts seeking God. Anyone desiring a good evangelist will do well to secure Brother Davis as he works in the interest of the church and pastor. —D. G. Phillips, pastor.

We have no bad report to make of the way the Lord has been with us in this new place. We have a good outlook. About eight were saved in the revival, two received the Holy Ghost baptism, a number is looking towards the church. We did not set a church in order for we want them to more fully know and understand before coming in lest they say later on, "Had we known that the Church stood for thus and so, we would not have come into it;" so we are teaching them. We have organized a nice Sunday School. Pray for us in this new field.—E. E. Malone, Alice, Tex.

The tent meeting conducted in East Huntsville by H. W. Williams, the pastor, closed with fifteen hundred people on the ground and seven in the altar. Brother Williams was assisted by his wife, and Sisters Wright and Clara Maxwell. There were nine saved, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, three baptized in water, and four came into the church. The church wants Brother Williams for pastor another year. We are also glad to report that the Full Gospel Church of God in Christ has come into the Church of God at West Huntsville, No. 2, united by H. W. Williams and I. S. Crumpton, district overseer.—Mrs. W. R. Haynes, 21 Front St., W. Huntsville, Ala.

BOONEVILLE, Miss.—The Church of God at Booneville has just closed a four weeks' revival with Brother T. H. Welsh doing the preaching. Brother Welsh is a real man of God and has done some real preaching. The meeting closed with several saved, two sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost. When Brother Welsh left hardened sinners were unable to say good-bye because of the tears which flowed from their eyes. Brother Welsh recently came from the Assembly of God to us.—R. L. Cameron, pastor.

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn.—We are in the midst of an old-fashioned revival here in Lawrenceburg. Up to date eighteen or nineteen have been blessed with the Holy Ghost and a number saved. Eight came into the church. The revival will continue another week. Those wishing to write me may do so by addressing your mail to Lawrenceburg, Tenn., general delivery.—C. E. Richard.

July 10 brought to a close the two weeks' meeting held under our big gospel tent with our state overseer, Brother Clyde C. Cox, in charge, assisted by his coworkers, Sister Iredell Walker, Brother Rufus Alexander, and his wife. We, the people of Bogalusa, can never be thankful enough for having these dear people with us two weeks in a wonderful meeting. Fifteen were saved, eight sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and many were refreshed. The last night of the revival forty-six were in the altar. Our tent, 40x60 wasn't near large enough to hold the crowd. Brother Cox delivered soul-stirring messages. I feel like the entire state appreciates having Brother and Sister Cox through this year, and hopes to have them back for the year 1939, D. V.—DeWitt C. Sharpe, pastor, Bogalusa, La.

God gave us a good revival, even if the devil did threaten to run us out of town. We are glad to report six saved, two sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost in the three weeks' revival that Sister Bessie Lyle, assisted by her family, conducted for us. During the meeting our dear state overseer, Brother E. M. Ellis, and wife paid us a visit. We were glad to have them with us and invite them back again. Our district pastor, L. B. Hammond, R. F. Kirkland, and Brother John Allen also paid us a visit. Pray for us.—L. B. Thomas, pastor, Sebastian, Fla.

I praise God for the new mission opened at 687 Gaskill St., S. E., Atlanta, with Brother S. C. Daniel in charge. This work was badly needed in S. E. Atlanta and was sent in answer to earnest prayer.

We have just closed a very successful revival conducted by Brother John H. Smith, evangelist of Greenwood, S. C., doing the preaching. Brother Smith is a real man of God, and we really thank God for sending him here. There were twenty-seven saved, twenty sanctified, and twelve baptized with the Holy Ghost during this four weeks' revival. Please pray for us here at Gaskill St. Mission.—Mrs. Olga Bagwell, 311 Wood St., S. E. Atlanta, Ga.

BAXTER, Fla.—We felt impressed to come here to start a meeting. Thank God, we found some willing workers who had long prayed for a revival. The revival spirit was really present. One was saved the first night. The meeting ran seven weeks and fifteen were saved, about ten sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and two reclaimed. We thank God for Sister Lane, a young preacher who helped much with her sermons and music. Brother Jake Roberts set a church in order and had charge of the baptizing the fifth Sunday in July. The Sunday School we started here had seventy-two in attendance the first Sunday. This is a needy field. Truly the harvest is white but the laborers are few. —Claud Stokes, Rt. 1, c|o C. J. Johns, Moniac, Ga.

STAR, Miss.—I thank the Lord that He sent Brother D. G. Bozeman here to hold us a revival. Five souls were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and three baptized in water. Brother Bozeman brought some wonderful messages to us which have stirred our people, and proved a blessing to us. Pray that we will stay in the center of God's will. This is a new field.—Mrs. Eula L. McGee, Rt. 1.

MARIETTA, S. C.—We have just come to the close of a two weeks' revival at Jones Mt. Church of God. Brother Walter King from Easley, S. C., was the evangelist. He certainly is a good man that preaches the truth. He has meant a great blessing to our church and community. We thank our heavenly Father for him. We are here in the mountains and do not have the advantages and privileges of other churches, but it thrills us to know that God still hears and answers our prayers. We are surrounded by unbelievers and sinners. During the revival many were healed. Mrs. Robert Hinton fell and injured herself. Her husband requested prayer for her. While the saints were praying for her, she was instantly healed at her home and came to service that night. Pray for the church here as it is isn't very large, and the people don't seem to be interested in our meeting.—Ruby McConnell, R. F. D. 2.

The good revival which began May 29 at the Stone Branch Church of God was closed June 16. Eight were converted, three sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. There is a fine group of people at this place.—W. Haskell Compton, evangelist, Mt. Gay, W. Va.

We have just closed a five weeks' revival July 10, Brother Taft Ogden in charge. There were twenty-one saved, twenty sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-one added to the church. The Lord surely blessed in this meeting, and the town was stirred. The revival spirit is still here. Since the meeting closed five have been saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost.We thank God for the way He is blessing at Bainbridge. Some said we couldn't have a revival here, but thank God, He gave us the victory. The Lord is blessing in our young people's meeting. They gathered here for service Sunday afternoon, and were shouting all over the yard. It made us feel that heaven was near.—Mrs. E. E. O'Neal, Bainbridge, Ga.

REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," Phil. 4:6.

We closed a meeting at Merigold, Miss., July 10 with twenty saved, about ten sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. We intend to start another revival August 14. Brother Halyard Williams will help us. All near-by Church of God saints and preachers are invited to co-operate with us in this needy field. All the rest who can't be with us, please pray for God to give us the hardest fighters against this good experience. We already have one; God filled him with the Holy Ghost on July 7 after he went home from service. We have a young minister of another faith who sees the light on the Holy Ghost and has been tarrying. Pray for him.—Mary E. Wright, evangelist, Box 25, Blackton, Ark.

A few weeks ago I requested prayer in your paper for God to heal me of sugar diabetes. I am praising God now for His healing power for He has surely healed me, and I give God the glory. I certainly have felt the prayers of God's people. I was telling about being healed the other day and a person told me not to be sure for the doctor hadn't told me I was cured. I have prayed over this and the Lord directed me to pray and request prayer for Jim Dyer, a druggist here in our town, who can't walk nor even feed himself and is getting so he can hardly talk. And there is a little boy here who is about two years old. He can't sit alone, stand up, nor hold anything in his hands, and his neck is limber. God wants us to pray for these two so the people in this town can see what God can do for them and not have to take my word for it. We have only four churches in this town, Methodist, Baptist, Nazarene, and Christian. I have never attended any of your churches except the Assembly in 1936. That is what made a healing believer out of me.—Mrs. E. C. Jones, Albany, Ky.

Please pray for my sister to be healed. She has been in the state hospital, Milledgeville, Ga., four months with T. B. and eczema. She was saved and sanctified in a Church of God meeting last fall and was seeking the Holy Ghost when she got sick and lost her mind. She told me if God didn't heal her, she would never get well, and I believe if she had her right mind she would fully trust God. If she is healed if will mean so much to the family as we have several brothers and sisters who don't believe in this way. Oh, please pray a special prayer now. Her name is Ora Lee Dixon, and she has five little children and a husband that need her so much. Brother Rouse, please pray.—Mrs. Exie Trimms, Rt. 1, Ramhurst, Ga.

Pray for Brother Allen. He has been seriously ill for six or seven weeks, and has been in the hospital three weeks with an afflicted lung. If he is healed, it will be God's power. Please every child of God, pray for him to be healed and that he may be submissive to the Lord's will. Pray for my unsaved children, and pray for our church here. —Mrs. F. Rainey Taylor, Winokur, Ga.

Pray for the revival that started at Kelleys Ferry July 31, that God will have His way and send conviction on the sinners. Pray for my father and me to receive the Holy Ghost, and that my husband will be saved. My mother, brothers and sisters are out in sin so remember them in prayer.—Mrs. Bertie McNabb, Rt. 4, Kellys Ferry, Tenn.

Pray for my son to be saved and pray for my healing. Please pray for a friend's home and that her husband will be saved. Pray for a lady to be healed who has been a cripple for seventeen years. She would appreciate a letter of encouragement.—Bertie B. Eller, Titus, Ga.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for my brother-in-law to be saved. Also pray for my home, that God will have His way. I am a little boy thirteen years old and belong to the Church of God. Pray for me to stand true and that God will open the way for me to attend Bible School and that He will heal my body.—Clarence Miller, Scaly, N. C.

Please join me in prayer for an unspoken request. Also pray for my body. I haven't been well for about two years and have been unable to do my work for almost one year. I am trusting the Lord for the healing of my body. Brother Rouse, please pray for the healing of my body, and someone please send me an anointed handkerchief. Pray for my son and two daughters to get back to the Lord. One of my daughters has chronic appendicitis. Pray for her healing. There is no church nor Sunday School here at this place, and we have no way to go to church. If any preacher wishes to come here, my husband and I will help all we can. A Sunday School for the children is needed very badly and I am sure the children would take great interest in it.—Nettie Bledsoe, Panther, W. Va.

I want the saints of God to pray for me, and for an unspoken request. I have the sweet Holy Ghost, but it is so hard for me to get to church. Pray for my husband to get back to the Lord, and pray for my children to be saved and that my home will be a home of prayer.—Mrs. Ella Branham, Panther, W. Va.

I have been seeking the Holy Ghost for about four or five years. I want all to pray for the Lord to give me the Holy Ghost, and pray for my wife and me to be humble and faithful unto the end. I have some loved ones out in sin. Pray that God will save every one of them. Pray for the Lord to heal my wife's body. If anyone feels led to send her an anointed handkerchief, please do so and it will be greatly appreciated.—Ballard Bledsoe, Panther, W. Va.

Please pray for the dear saints at Hartwell, that God will give us a church building soon. Pray for an unspoken request and pray for my loved ones to be saved.—Cora Thompson, War, W. Va.

Please pray for a friend of mine who doctors say has gallstones and is almost at the point of a nervous breakdown, that she may be healed and be a real testimony for the Lord.—Sylvia Donmayer, Box 173, Ephrata, Pa.

I thank the Lord for His healing power. He healed me of an infected finger. He also healed my aunt of heart trouble when she was at death's door. The doctors and her relatives had given her up. She was unsaved but requested prayer. Praise the Lord, He raised her up and she is now doing her housework though she is not completely healed. Please pray for her complete healing and for her to be saved. Pray that my husband will receive the Holy Ghost and that both of us will get closer to the Lord. There is so much to be done and so little being done in this community. The nearest Church of God is thirty-five or forty miles away. Please pray for a revival to be here and for souls to be saved. Pray for my healing and that I might have more faith.—Mrs. H. E. Menheim, Rt. 1, Ashford, Ala.

I am praising God for healing me a number of times. He healed my eyes after I had been wearing glasses for more than three years, that was in 1928. They are healed today and I haven't worn glasses since. God also healed a baby here of pneumonia and leakage of the heart, when the doctors had no hope for its life. There is a man here whom the doctors said had T. B. and diabetes mellitus, and the doctors ordered him to the hospital for a prolonged treatment. He refused to stay in the hospital but came back home. His wife continued to ask people to pray for him and wrote Brother L. G. Rouse for an anointed handkerchief for his healing. The saints prayed for him and laid the handkerchief on him in Jesus' name. His wife said he did every way, turned somersaults and got in different positions to see if he had a pain, but thank God, he didn't have any. He went to work in a textile plant and hasn't lost a day by being sick. That was about twelve months ago. He is out of work now but is well in body. Pray that he

and his wife will give their lives to God and that he will be able to obtain work. He has a wife and two small children. Brother John Baker who is in the Veterans' Hospital, Columbia, S. C., is improving. Continue to pray for him. Also pray for the healing of my body and that I will live humble where God can use me.—Mrs. Lee Robertson, Rt. 1, Box 45, Great Falls, S. C.

Dear saints, please pray for God to save my father, stepmother, stepbrothers and half sister. Please pray that God will continue to answer my prayers and that He will give me and my husband grace sufficient to stand and that we will be ready to go at any time.—Mrs. Howard Whisman, Pearl Avenue, Marion, Va.

Willie Welch's brother, Woodrow Welch, is at the point of death and is unsaved. His mother and brother request prayer for him. He was in a car accident. —Doyle Blackwood, Jackson, Miss.

Please pray for my little girl. She is swollen nearly all over. Our baby is better, thank the Lord!—R. S. Lyons, Pulaski, Va.

Please pray for a revival that is being held at Columbus, Miss. with L. H. Brewer in charge. There is good interest shown and conviction is seizing people. There is no church set in order here but we believe that God is going to give us one. Pray much for us.—T. G. Pearson and wife, Columbus, Miss.

My husband has been afflicted for almost three years. He has had four operations and isn't able to do anything yet. So after fourteen doctors and more medicine than I can mention hasn't cured him, we have laid his case in the hands of our Lord trusting Him to heal. Please pray a special prayer for him and remember his family, wife, three girls and one boy for we need the Christian's help.—Mrs. L. V. Mickle, Rt. 4, Cullman, Ala.

We are in the midst of a good revival at Straight church near Fyffe, Ala. Eight or nine have already prayed through to the good Holy Ghost, and we don't see the end yet. We desire the prayers of the saints that the Lord will continue to bless.—Joel D. Brown and mother, Mrs. Florida Brown, R. F. D. 2, c/o Jessie Wilson, Fyffe, Ala.

Everyone that knows the worth of prayer, please pray a special prayer for me. My eyes and body are very weak and I am nervous and in a run-down condition. My eyes make me almost too nervous to bear it. Please, please pray for me to be healed and stay humble, that God will bless our little boy and save my husband.—Mrs. Mary Lou Arrington, 623 Moore Ave., Augusta, Ga.

Please pray for me. I am very weak in body. I am trusting the Lord for I know He is able to heal me. Brother Rouse, please pray a special prayer for me. Pray for my loved ones that the Lord will save them before it is too late. Please pray for the revival that started at Murrays Chapel the first Sunday in August.—Myrtle Rowe, Caldwell, Ala.

Pray that God will completely heal my body and that I will get closer to the Lord.—Miss Luetrell Ranew, Rt. 1, Stillmore, Ga.

I feel much better in body but I am still suffering. I have been sick seven months and it is very discouraging without anyone to pray with and for me, no one to even sing a song. I want the churches at Thornton, Ky. and Leakville, Ky. to please get me on your heart and pray until God answers prayer. Please pray for a sister who has fainting spells. Pray that I'll stay humble and true until Jesus comes or calls.—Hazel Kirk, Monaville, W. Va.

Pray for my brother, brother-in-law and sister-in-law that God will touch their hearts and they will be saved before it is too late. Pray for me that I will always be true to God and do His will. We will be glad to have someone come and run a revival here at Stillmore. I also have an unspoken request, please pray for it.—Miss Madge Ranew, Rt. 1, Stillmore, Ga.

Please pray for Molley Gillilan's baby. Pray earnestly for the healing of my body. Pray that I will always do the Lord's will.—Mrs. Mae Waldrop, Rt. 2, Altoona, Ala.

A revival is in progress at this place. Brother J. M. Gresham, evangelist, is in charge. Many are in the altar. Please pray for a great ingathering of souls. —Jesse K. Degolyer, pastor, Moultrie, Ga.

Please pray for me. The doctor said I had leakage of the heart and would have to stay in bed some, but I know the Lord can heal. Pray for my husband who is in sin, and pray that I will get closer to Him and be able to trust Him. —Mrs. Myrtle Sharp, Scottsboro, Ala.

Dear saints, my husband is unsaved and I am burdened for him. Please help me pray that he will be saved. Also pray for an unspoken request and for the healing of my body. I have a growth in my side, so pray that I will be healed. He healed me of a goitre last year and He can heal me again. — Mrs. Tom Mitchell, Rt. 1, Scottsboro, Ala.

The Holy Spirit is the executor of God's will to man, and if we would do God's will He will give us the reigns of our life.

REVIVALS

We praise God for the two weeks' revival here at Mt. Zion, eight miles northwest of Indianola, Miss. The meeting closed July 24. The dear Lord smiled on our efforts and saved thirteen souls, sanctified ten, filled nine with the Holy Ghost, and added nine to the Church. Sister Addie Mooneyham, state W. W. B. superintendent, did the preaching. The church is encouraged, and is looking for bigger and better things. We also thank God for the seven days of Bible study with our pastor, Brother L. H. Brewer, teacher, which has proved so beneficial to the church. Anyone would make no mistake in getting Sister Mooneyham to hold a revival. Brother and Sister L. H. Brewer are doing good work here for the church.—Mrs. Laura Sketton, Rt. 2, Indianola, Miss.

We closed a successful revival at Little River, Missouri, with twenty-eight saved, a number sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Twenty-three united with the Church and twenty-three were baptized in water. We started a building program which will be completed August 20. The Sunday School interest is good with an average attendance of more than seventy-five. We covet your prayers for success in the Master's work.—C. E. French, evangelist, Rt. 2, Steele, Mo.

MT. PLEASANT, Tenn.—I came to Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., R. F. D., and started a revival July 17, which continued two weeks. I have never seen anything like it before. It is a country church and there are some good saints there. They surely believe in coming to church; they come on horseback, in buggies, wagons, cars, trucks, and many walk. I was surprised the second Sunday I was there. There were about five hundred people there. God is blessing them. Every home is making good headway for a living; they grow everything most that they eat, many of them have the old family graveyards above the house. I never visited people any more sociable than they were. They have a Church of God building that will seat about four hundred people and have a membership of about seventy-five members. I was never treated any better than I was there. When one of the members said, "Go home with me tonight," that meant a hike of about two or three miles, but when you went to bed about midnight and got up early the next morning the good people had a fine breakfast spread with plenty of fried chicken and they made you feel welcome to eat. God blessed in the meeting and several backsliders came back to God. I love the good people there and pray that God will continue to bless them. — Brother Albert Teaster, 207 Locust St., Greeneville, Tenn.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

OVERTON

On Aug. 3 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Overton and took their little son, Hassen Overton. Sister Overton is a member of the Church of God and a true and faithful soldier. Funeral services were conducted at their home as his mother and little brother were both ill. Interment was made in the Fairview cemetery, Double Springs, Ala.—A brother and sister in the Lord, George and Vora Dyer, Double Springs, Ala.

FRANKLIN

On June 28, 1938, Sister Lee Clara Franklin, forty-two years old, passed away at her home at Ellerton, Ga. She was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and belonged to the Church of God. The funeral was conducted by Brother J. C. Mauldin and the writer and interment made in the Elmhurst cemetery. — Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga.

OWENS and HAGINS

On May 13, 1938, the death angel called Oscar Owens to meet the Lord. He was twenty-five years old and had salvation. The funeral was conducted by Brother H. M. Duck, assisted by the writer. Just twenty-eight days later, June 9, Oscar's mother, Sister Mary Owens Hagins, passed away. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. Her funeral was conducted by Brother H. M. Duck, assisted by the writer.—Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga.

HOLMES

Sallie Holmes was called to meet the Lord April 23. She testified that she was ready to go. She was seventeen years old. The funeral was conducted by Brother H. M. Duck and interment made in the Cross Roads cemetery.—One who loved her dearly, Myrtle Whitehead.

LONG

Dear Sister Long departed this life July 5. She was a member of the Church of God. Brother Harrison conducted the funeral.—One who loved her, Mrs. L. E. Day, Screven, Ga.

MULL

On July 9, 1938, the death angel claimed our daughter, Oradean Mull. She was filled with the Holy Ghost. Her three brothers, five sisters and mother await the glad reunion at the resurrection of the just.—Her mother, Sallie Mull, 1061 W. Taylor, Phoenix, Ariz.

HULL

Little Billie Roy Hull passed away July 26 at the age of eight months and nineteen days. Interment was made in Sinton cemetery with Brother Mahan, presiding over the services. He was deeply loved and grieved after by all who knew him, but God knew best.—One who loved him dearly, his aunt, Mrs. H. E. Pearson, Raymondville, Tex.

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

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for not buying. I have no doubt many good sacrificing ministers are being made to suffer, financially speaking, in these days, because poor people have reached the place where they cannot grasp the idea of letting their own little ones suffer for the necessities of life, in order to let their support go to folk who just want to keep up with the styles of the world. I remember how I felt once when my husband dropped a dollar into the collection plate for an evangelist, and a few days later we learned his wife had visited a beauty parlor for a permanent, etc. In my opinion, the Church of God has no place for such folk. God says: "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised!" (Prov. 31: 30). In going about "our Father's business," we cannot be true representatives of His unless we really keep ourselves "unspotted from the world."

And now for the pay-day in the "Father's business!" First, we have a KINGDOM to rule: "Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:34). Then we have a MANSION in which to reside: "In my Father's house are many mansions . . . . . I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). We will have WHITE ROBES to wear: "And white robes were given unto every one of them" (Rev. 6:11), and we will have PALMS in our hands! "And after this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number . . . . . clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands" (Rev. 7:9). "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying," . . . . . for "Behold, I make all things new!" (Rev. 21:4, 5). What a wonderful pay-day!

Report of Alabama State Convention

Showers, showers, showers both literal and spiritual, were the order of the hour, each day that the Alabama state convention was in session. A truly great time was had by all.

The convention was held at the conclusion of the state camp meeting and convened in the state tabernacle at Sumiton. This spacious building was filled each night of the meeting, and God not only blessed in the business, but aided many in obtaining "life everlasting."

Each morning at eight a. m. the services began with an hour's Bible study. Such topics as "Tongues as a Gift and as a Sign," "Sanctification and Regeneration in Contradistinction," and "Questionable Scriptures" were discussed. These studies were conducted as open forums and were moderated alternately by J. H. Walker and J. B. Ellis. Many in attendance were heard to say that these were the most beneficial sessions of all.

Along with the business and reporting were interspersed timely messages by Brothers Walker, Ellis, and Burroughs. Notably among these were "The True and False Religions" by Brother Ellis and "The Minister and His Responsibility" by Brother Walker.

Sunday morning the concluding session seemed to be the most glorious of them all. A heavenly atmosphere pervaded the whole scene and the good feeling that was present at the first was evinced at the last. It was during this session that the wonderful mission offering of $1,603.52 was acknowledged. This offering was indeed a wonderful accomplishment as most of the amount was raised in dime banks—and only through the faithful work of the church and its officiary, in this state, was this unparalleled feat accomplished. So long as the faithfulness and loyalty that now exists in Alabama, continues, one may not be surprised at any thing they accomplish for God and His Church. Then, too, one hundred and twenty-two Evangel subscriptions were turned in at this time, bringing Alabama's total above the eleven hundred mark.

We feel that it would be a sad mistake if in conclusion we did not say a word about our beloved overseer, H. L. Whittington, who has worked so untiringly to put Alabama over the top. This he has done both spiritually and financially—since the Church in Alabama has shown a gain in all departments for the year just past. So we say "praise the Lord" for a faithful officiary that is not too engrossed in business to be spiritual. We, too, are grateful for the presence of our esteemed General Overseer, J. H. Walker, who added to the success of the convention with his messages and advice.

So won't you join us in sounding a note of praise to God for what He is doing in Alabama?—James L. Slay, Jr., convention secretary, 991 Shahan, Alabama City, Ala.

If some people would talk to Christ as much as they talk about Him they would become more like Him.

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complain when we are in need, and do not commit our keeping to God as we should. In fact, there is but little suffering among the Christians in America today. We just as well get ready, they may cast some of us into prison if we take our stand without compromising. But I believe God will furnish us the grace, if we will watch, fast, and pray, and have that love in our hearts that is untainted. It is possible for those who are following Christ to have pure love for the truth and for one another, and this will cause us to want to put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand in these last days.

Love For All Saints

"Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers," Eph. 1:15, 16.

Paul is praising the saints at Ephesus for their fellowship and love. After he had heard of the good unity that they had, and love one for another, it made him praise God. He also remembered them in his prayers. Along with our prayers and thanksgiving, we should remember how necessary it is to love one another.

How We May Understand the More Perfect Will of God

It is through prayer and supplication that we may understand the riches and blessings of God. It is through this exercise of faith and worship that the great revelation of what God has in store for those who live true to Him, may be understood. And it is through faith and prayer that we may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

It is possible for us to become so intensely in earnest in our worship that we may have revealed to us the love of Christ in such a measure as to pass knowledge. One of the most interesting things, to my mind, that I ever witnessed, is to see the power of God fall on people and such a wonderful revelation of God's eternal glory be manifested among them that the knowledge that men may acquire vanishes away, the Spirit of God takes charge, and His truth be revealed to the humble and consecrated. Even babes in Christ may understand His great truth. After all, what I am trying to get you to see is that all of our efforts are in vain without they are according to His Word. We will utterly fail if we try to carry on the work in our own strength, and depend on our own knowledge. We must fall limp in His hands and allow the Holy Ghost to guide us, if we please Him.

PERRY-SCOPE

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sometimes a whole family has been made to turn to the Lord in the same way. Read what happened down at Lydda (Acts 9:35) when Aeneas was healed under Peter's ministry, "and all . . . . at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord."

One of the most wonderful revivals we ever witnessed had its beginning at the healing and reclamation of a young man who was a backslider. We believe that a real gift of healing should accompany the gospel of these last days. We believe that it is God's will that it shall. Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe" (Mark 16:17). They followed in the days of the early Church, and in the same order they should follow today.

5. Healing in apostolic times was "in the name of Jesus." Perhaps it is at this point the art has been lost. Jesus promised that whatever a petition was asked of the Father in the name of the Son it would be granted. May God restore to us that lost art of praying in Jesus' name, that again we may pray as the early Church did, and enjoy as they did the unusual presence and power of the Holy Ghost for the supply of our every need, and among other things, the healing which we need.

MISSION PAGE

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class, we were very private, not bothered with intruders, except the ticket collector. 'Twas not such a bad experience as I thought train travel in India would be, so I slept quite well and arrived here the next morning feeling none the worse for the trip.

These mountains are beautiful. At the foot we changed trains, getting in the "caboose" again, but since the engine pushes the train up the mountain, we were more in the coal car or baggage car position. The railway winds its way around up the mountains 7,000 feet, through tunnels of solid rock, over bridges spanning gorges and chasms, filled with boulders and rushing streams, and all the while passing along thickly vegetated land. In parts it is jungle. Once we saw a monkey quite close to the track. The trees are beautiful and the wild flowers gorgeous. Even oleanders grow wild. The ground is covered with all kinds of pretty flowers and at the small villages myriads of flowers are seen—petunias, verbenas, morning glories, roses, cannas, dahlias, nasturtiums, begonias. etc. Also groves and groves of areca or beetle nut trees, the leaf of which is used as the tobacco leaf, and groves of eucalyptus trees from which an oil is made used for medicine (colds, etc.), and somewhat as a perfume, too. There were other beautiful flowering trees, the bloom of which is somewhat like a small lily and the perfume very similar to orange blossoms. There is also a hard surface (asphalt) highway up these mountains. They're the most beautiful mountains I've ever seen. They are certainly God's blessing to His laborers as a place of rest and relief from the terrific strain of heat and trying circumstances on the plains.

In this town the homes are set off with beautiful flower gardens. The soil is very fertile. Sister Cook has beautiful roses, geraniums, nasturtiums, larkspurs, carnations, daisies, and numerous other plants I do not know the names of, also lots of highly perfumed sweet peas. Sister Cook brought me a beautiful pink rose this morning, and there is a lovely bouquet of sweet peas in the house all the time. Sister Conney has a beautiful flower garden—gorgeous dahlias of delicate colors, and other varieties of flowers. We went to service for missionaries at Sister Conney's house Sunday morning and night, and at 4:00 p. m. to a native service in this town. It was a bad, rainy day. Not many natives were out. Hoyle and I both spoke to them through an interpreter. Continue to pray for our usefulness here.

Jesus My Only Refuge

I praise the dear Lord for salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ. I praise Him for His healing power. Five years ago I was stricken with paralysis and for about thirty days I could not walk. Up until the 18th day of May I was in pain and suffering. On May 17, 1938, I went to prayer about 8:00 o'clock and prayed and cried until about 2:00 o'clock in the morning. I fell asleep and when I awoke in the morning my hands were folded across the top of my head, something that had not been for five years. Before this I could not raise my right hand above my shoulders. But when I awoke I was completely healed. Oh glory hallelujah, praise the dear Lord! I can feel His sweet presence now. All who read this remember that Jesus is the Healer of all diseases, He is my only refuge. Please remember to pray for your humble sister in Christ.—Mrs. S. J. Cole, Naples, Fla.

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